

## PATENT APPLICATION

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| TOSHIAKI SATO, ET AL.       |   |                  | Examiner: Unassigned       |
| Application No.: 10/688,997 |   |                  | Group Art Unit: Unassigned |
| Filed: C                    | October 21, 2003  | )                |                            |
| For:                        | IMAGE PICKUP ELEMENT,<br>IMAGE PICKUP DEVICE, AND<br>DIFFERENTIAL AMPLIFYING<br>CIRCUIT | )<br>:<br>)<br>: | March 1, 2004              |

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

#### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

| APPLICATION NO. | FILING DATE        | GROUP ART UNIT | INVENTOR         |
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| 09/783,556      | February 15, 2001  | 2614           | Sakurai, et al.  |
| 10/664,918      | September 22, 2003 | Unassigned     | Masanori, et al. |
| 10/693,455      | October 27, 2003   | Unassigned     | Inui, et al.     |

A copy of each cited Application is enclosed.

#### **FEE STATEMENT**

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the mailing of a first Official Action on the merits of the application. Accordingly, Applicants believe that no fee is necessitated by the filing of this paper. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

### <u>CONCLUSION</u>

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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